

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

NOTICE OF PROPOSED POLICY

Public Act 280 of 1939, as amended, and consultation guidelines for Medicaid policy provide an opportunity to review proposed changes in Medicaid policies and procedures.

Please review the policy summary and the attached materials that describe the specific changes being proposed. Let us know why you support the change or oppose the change.

Submit your comments to the analyst by the due date specified. Your comments must be received by the due date to be considered for the final policy bulletin.

Thank you for participating in the consultation process.



Director, Program Policy Division  
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**Policy Subject:** Provision of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Services to Beneficiaries Under 21 Years of Age; Requirements for Audiologists

**Affected Programs:** Medicaid and Children's Special Health Care Services

**Distribution:** Hospitals, Hearing and Speech Centers, Hearing Aid Dealers, Practitioners, Medical Suppliers

**Policy Summary:** This bulletin expands the coverage of speech-language pathology and audiology services for children under 21 years of age to the outpatient hospital. It also identifies professional certification/supervision requirements for audiologists and equipment requirements for audiologists who provide infant diagnostic testing or infant hearing aid evaluation/selection/follow-up.

CMS did not approve Michigan's requirement that beneficiaries under age 21 receive outpatient SLP/Audiology services only from a hearing and speech center without applying the requirement to adults. This change will bring the policy for children in line with the policy for adults as directed by CMS.

The addition of professional certification/supervision requirements for audiologists is consistent with Federal Regulations at 42 CFR 440.110(c)(2)(i)-(iii). Equipment requirements for audiology services provided to infants are consistent with guidelines distributed by the MDCH Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program.

# Proposed Policy Draft

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The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has notified the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) that beneficiaries under 21 years of age may not be restricted to hearing and speech centers to receive outpatient speech-language pathology (SLP) and audiology services.

Beginning XX/XX/XX, a hospital enrolled in Medicaid may provide SLP and audiology services to Medicaid and/or CSHCS beneficiaries of all ages in the inpatient or outpatient setting. Services must be provided by properly credentialed hospital staff in accordance with the Hospital Chapter of the MDCH Medicaid Provider Manual.

Medicaid will adjust the outpatient hospital and hearing and speech center fee screens to reflect consistent reimbursement across both provider types for SLP and audiology services.

## **Requirements for Audiology Services Provided to Beneficiaries of All Ages**

In a hospital or a hearing and speech center, audiology services other than newborn hearing screening tests must be provided by:

- An audiologist possessing a current Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) from the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA).
- An appropriately supervised audiologist candidate (i.e., in his clinical fellowship year or having completed all requirements but has not obtained a CCC).
- An audiologist student completing his clinical affiliation under the direct supervision (i.e., in the presence of) an audiologist having a current CCC.

Standards of practice must conform to those published in ASHA Preferred Practice Patterns for the Profession of Audiology. Audiologic test equipment and hearing aid test equipment used must conform to applicable American National Standards Institute (ANSI) criteria.

Audiology newborn hearing screening tests must be performed by appropriately trained staff.

### **Requirements for Audiology Services Provided to Infants**

The following equipment is required for audiology services provided to infants less than six months of age in a hospital or hearing and speech center:

- Infant Diagnostic Testing
  - Tone Burst ABR; and
  - Bone Conduction ABR; and
  - High Frequency Immittance; and
  - Otoacoustic Emissions
- Infant Hearing Aid Evaluation, Selection and Follow-Up
  - Infant Predictive Method (e.g., Desired Sensation Level); and
  - Real-Ear to Coupler Difference

### **MANUAL MAINTENANCE**

Retain this bulletin for future reference.